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TRAVELER PREPAREDNESS

- When in doubt, check it out before you start your trip by listening to weather forecasts and checking road conditions. Call 1-800-288-1047 for a recorded message from the lowa State Patrol on statewide winter road conditions (Messages are available Nov. 15-April 15.), or check road conditions at www.dot.state.ia.us.
- Keep your gas tank full.
- Make sure your vehicle is in good mechanical condition.

- If you become stranded, stay with your vehicle. Park on the shoulder where possible, and turn on your emergency flashers. Keep snow away from your exhaust pipe and open your vehicle's window a crack to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide buildup.
- Make sure your windows are clear, windshield washer is full of fluid, and wiper blades are in good shape.

- When traveling during the winter months, carry a "survival kit" in your vehicle.
 The kit should contain:
 - Booster cables
 - Two or more blankets
 - Candles and matches
 - A can for melting snow
 - Snow shovel and scraper
 - Flashlight and extra batteries
 - Extra clothing like a cap, gloves, parka and overshoes
 - High-calorie, nonperishable food like candy and canned nuts
 - Sand or strips of carpet for traction